

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Gerard Davey R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Stephen Aspden Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Special Intention (BF)
In Private	Tuesday		People of the Praish
In Private	Wednesday		Brenda Southern R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Thursday	7.00pm	David Warbis R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Friday	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord

Easter Sunday

St Joseph's	Saturday	7.00pm	Ellen Squires Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30pm	Steven Naylor Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Dcn Tony Arrowsmith R.I.P.

Children's Corner

How do you catch a school of fish?

With a bookworm

Why did the starfish cross the road?

To get to the other tide!

Why did the turtle cross the road?

To get to the shell



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our
Sanctuary Lamps will
shine for....
Refugees
at Sacred Heart
and
Ellen Squires
at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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28th March 2021

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

This coming week is the most important week of the Church's year, when we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. As we read the account of the Passion, we may find it hard to understand why Jesus did not retaliate - or try to defend Himself, but, Jesus knew that God was on the side of truth and love - and that those who suffer for truth are vindicated. Faced with the noise - the pain - the hatred, Jesus was able to go to the place within Him where peace reigned. This was the place where God dwelt - and no earthly power could stop it! We begin Holy Week praying that as a church, we may go on loving... through insult and praise... through acceptance and rejection - in the sure knowledge that through His wounds we are healed. Pope Francis said that when he listened to how the disciples fell asleep during Jesus' most crucial moments, he asked himself certain questions: Has my life fallen asleep? Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility? Today we have been given crosses made out of palm branches that have been blest. Let us take them home and place them in a place where they are visible to us. Let the cross be a constant reminder to us of the Lord's victory over sin and death and may it lead us to the radiant light of Christ's resurrection and open the horizons of a new and fuller life for each one of us.

Praise Him!

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for Doris Collier and Albert Withington and all those whose anniversary is at this time may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them.

Including: Craig Hardman & Dennis O'Halleran

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Palm Sunday

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Sunday: Easter Sunday



MASS ON THE PHONE

Mass at Middlesbrough Cathedral can now be accessed through your phone. The Mass is provided free of charge, except for the local phone charge. Phone: 01642 130 120 to be connected to the Mass for that week. You can listen at any time of day or night.

Offertory Envelopes

A big thank you to all of you continuing to push your envelopes through the presbytery doors. We still have bills to pay, so many thanks for recognising this.

Parish Office

Please note that the days when the Parish Office is now open are: **Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am — 2.00pm.**

GIFT AID

We are hoping to give out the Gift Aid Envelopes over the next few weeks. If you are a Gift Aider and no longer pay tax, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

A reminder that clocks go forward this weekend!



Our Churches Reopening

We are blest that our churches can safely this weekend. It can only happen of course because of the commitment and diligence of our stewards....and of course your cooperation with all the safety measures we have in place. Thank you for your continuing support and help.

The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum - will obviously be very different this year, with much shorter services, no singing and limited numbers. But if you can't make it in person, please join us in prayer:-

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lords Supper - 7.30p.m. at Sacred Heart (no 'Watching' or Night Prayer in Church).

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm at St Joseph's

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - 7.00pm. at St Joseph's

Easter Sunday - Mass 9.30 St Joseph and 11.00 at Sacred Heart

To attend these please book a place. Contact the Parish office and state the number of places you require. I would like to stress that we are limited to the number of people we can safely accommodate in each church, approximately 110 at St Joseph's and 80 at Sacred Heart.

Please note that if no one is there to take your call, **please leave a voicemail message** and someone will call you back. If you have booked a place and are not able to go, please phone the Parish Office and cancel so that it can be offered to someone else.

Remember there is no obligation to return yet.....only do so if you feel safebut know that each and every one of you will be at the centre of every Mass we celebrate.....none of you are forgotten, all of you cherished by the Lord through His Church!

Chrism Mass - Cathedral

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated this year on the Wednesday of Holy Week 31st March at 6pm and will be streamed online.

While the world changes, the Cross stands firm....Humility, obedience, meekness, and love are the virtues that shine through the Cross.

Pope Francis